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Tribal Reservations in the SCAG Region

This profile provides an inventory of Federally-recognized Indian Tribal Land and Reservations in the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) six-county region encompassing: Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura counties. It also presents the name, location and distribution of tribal lands and reservations, with their population and household, across Southern California.

OVERVIEW

One of the strategic goals of SCAG includes establishing a role for Native Americans in the regional planning and transportation investment process. A special effort is being made to establish a common growth vision through the Compass planning initiative to guide future growth in a way that respects our Indian reservations, sacred tribal lands and future community development needs.

The participation of people living on tribal lands is essential to plan for future growth in Southern California and to prepare for transportation improvement needs on sovereign tribal property. It is expected that increased off-Reservation development in adjacent county and municipal properties will bring more people to the reservations. According to the 2010 Census, the population living on tribal lands is 37,780, representing an approximately 11% growth from the 2000 Census. The population living on tribal lands in the SCAG region is highly concentrated in Riverside County, especially in the Coachella Valley.

Those living on tribal reservations are traditionally under-represented populations with many special socioeconomic needs. The median income of people living on tribal land lags behind that of residents of the county as a whole. They are also a group with an increasing economic strength that is significant beyond their numbers. Indian casinos and gaming on tribal land became a major political issue in California during the last decade. The Indian gaming industry has seen significant growth and expansion and is a billion-dollar industry that became a driving force for economic growth on reservations and tribal lands, especially in inland valleys, desert areas and nearby communities.

SCAG's Strategic Plan efforts resulted in revising the agency By-laws to provide seven voting seats on the Regional Council and Policy Committees to Tribal Governments. The Tribal Government Regional Planning Board comprised of the 16 Federally-recognized Tribal Governments meets to select Tribal Council members to fill the seven voting policy committee seats – one seat on the Regional Council; six seats on the Policy Committees. One of the desired outcomes of elected Tribal Council members participating in the regional planning and policy process is to further promote government-to-government collaboration and environmental justice outreach to Native Americans.

TRIBAL RESERVATIONS IN THE SIX-COUNTY REGION

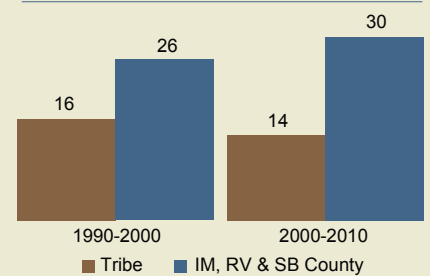
The following lists Federally-recognized Tribal Reservations in Imperial, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties:

- Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
- Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians
- Cabazon Band of Mission Indians
- Cahuilla Band of Mission Indians
- Chemehuevi Indian Tribe
- Colorado River Reservation
- Fort Mojave Indian Tribe
- Fort Yuma (Quechan Tribe) Reservation
- Morongo Band of Mission Indians
- Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians
- Romona Band of Mission Indians
- San Manuel Band of Mission Indians
- Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla Indians
- Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians
- Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians
- Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians

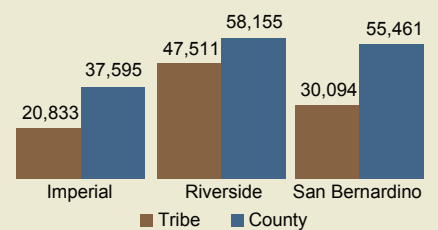
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TRIBAL DATA

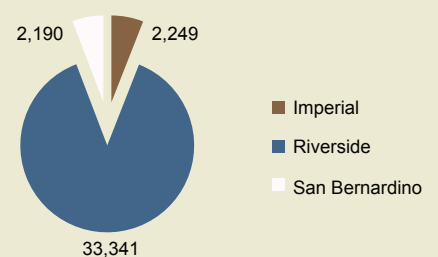
Two Decades of Population Growth (%)



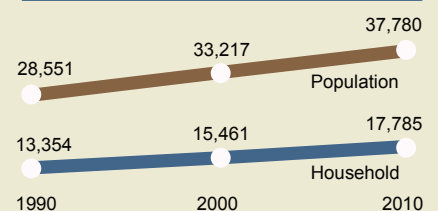
2005-2009 Median Household Income (2009 Dollars)



2010 Population Living on Tribal Lands by County



Population and Households Living on Tribal Lands



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FEDERALLY-RECOGNIZED TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS IN THE SCAG REGION

